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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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1. How would you rate your feelings toward Bill Clinton--very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

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Very positive.....	23	29	21	21	21	24	26	[136]
Somewhat positive.....	21	28	36	34	30	32	30	
Neutral.....	20	14	15	16	16	17	13	
Somewhat negative.....	13	12	13	13	15	13	14	
Very negative.....	22	17	15	15	17	13	16	
Don't know name/not sure.....	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	

2. As you may know, Paula Jones filed a lawsuit claiming that President Clinton sexually harassed her when he was governor of Arkansas and she was a state employee. From what you know, do you believe Paula Jones' allegations of sexual harassment against President Clinton, or not?

		<u>1/98</u>				<u>10/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
	<u>4/98</u>	<u>25th</u>	<u>24th</u>	<u>22nd</u>	<u>17th-19th</u>			
Believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	38	37	37	37	27	35	33	[137]
Do not believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	45	44	45	40	50	48	45	
Not sure.....	17	19	18	23	23	17	22	

3. Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton was dismissed yesterday by the judge presiding in the case. Do you agree or disagree with the judge's decision to dismiss the lawsuit?

Agree with judge's decision to dismiss the lawsuit.....	64	[138]
Disagree with judge's decision to dismiss the lawsuit.....	27	
Not sure.....	9	

4. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view of the outcome of the Paula Jones case?

Statement A: It is a vindication for Bill Clinton, and it shows that he is innocent of wrongdoing in this matter.

Statement B: It is only a technical legal victory for Bill Clinton, and it does not show that he is innocent of wrongdoing in this matter.

Statement A: It is vindication for Bill Clinton.....	28	[139]
Statement B: It is only a technical legal victory.....	65	
Both of these (VOL).....	1	
Neither of these (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	3	

5. Thinking about everything you have heard about Bill Clinton over the past few years related to the Paula Jones matter, would you say that overall the Paula Jones matter has made you feel more favorable toward Bill Clinton, made you feel less favorable toward Bill Clinton, or has it not really affected your feelings toward Bill Clinton either way?

More favorable.....	8	[140]
Less favorable.....	29	
Not affected feelings either way.....	62	
Not sure.....	1	

On a related matter . . .

6. Do you think that Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr should continue his investigation of President Clinton, or do you think that Starr should now end his investigation?

Starr should continue his investigation.....	39	[141]
Starr should end his investigation.....	54	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	4	

7. Suppose that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr concluded that Bill Clinton committed perjury in his testimony in the Paula Jones case, or obstructed justice, and reported this to Congress. Do you think that these charges would or would not be serious enough to justify Congress' beginning impeachment hearings?

Would be serious enough to justify impeachment hearings.....	44	[142]
Would not be serious enough to justify impeachment hearings.....	46	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	7	

8. Do you think that Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who is investigating these allegations, is mainly interested in conducting a fair and impartial investigation, or is he using the investigation for partisan, political purposes?

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Is conducting a fair/impartial investigation.....	31	22	26	[143]
Is using investigation for partisan, political purposes.....	54	64	57	
Not sure.....	15	14	17	

FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group

18-24.....	9	[144]
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	9	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	7	

65 and over.....	18	[145]
Refused.....	1	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")**

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	18	[146]
Not very strong Democrat.....	14	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	8	
Strictly independent.....	20	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	12	
Strong Republican.....	12	
Other.....	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$20,000.....	11	[147]
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	14	
Between \$30,000 and \$50,000.....	24	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
More than \$75,000.....	18	
Not sure/refused.....	15	

- F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF NO:)** What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[148]
White.....	79	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	